

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claim 7, as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus for recording on a recording medium by a recording head comprising:
  - a feed roller for feeding recording medium one by one;
  - a conveying roller for conveying a recording medium fed by the feed roller to a recording area;
  - a discharge roller for discharging a recording medium from the recording area;and  
control means adapted to start the feeding of a succeeding recording medium by said feed roller before the discharge of a preceding recording medium by said discharge roller, wherein said control means changes a feed start timing from a time when a trailing end of the preceding recording medium is passed through a predetermined position to the start of the feeding of the succeeding recording medium by said feed roller in accordance with a leading end margin amount of the succeeding recording medium.
2. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising detecting means for detecting the recording medium conveyed between the feed roller and the conveying roller, wherein the feed start timing is determined based on a time when the recording medium in which the record has been completed is detected by the detecting means.

3. (Original) A recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein when the recording medium in which the record has been completed is passing a detecting position of the detecting means on a start of a discharge operation of the recording medium, the feed start timing of the succeeding recording medium is determined by tempered with a passing movement amount of the recording medium.

4. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the feed roller and the conveying roller are driven by different driving means.

5. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according claim 1, wherein said control means performs a control operation so that a period of time when a trailing end of the preceding recording medium is passed through a predetermined position to a start of feeding of the succeeding recording medium by the feed roller is shorter, as a leading end margin amount of the succeeding recording medium is longer.

6. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising detecting means for detecting the recording medium conveyed between the feed roller and the conveying roller, wherein the predetermined position is a position where the trailing end of the preceding recording medium is passed through.

7. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus according to claim 1 7, wherein when the discharge of the preceding recording medium by said discharge roller is

started, said controlling means controls a control operation so that a period of time from a start of discharge of the preceding recording medium to a start of feeding of the succeeding recording medium is shorter, as a distance between a predetermined position and a trailing end of the preceding recording medium downstream of the predetermined position on the start of discharge is longer.

8. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising detecting means for detecting the recording medium conveyed between the feed roller and the conveying roller, wherein the predetermined position is a position where the trailing end of the preceding recording medium is passed through.

9. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said control means controls a control operation so that the period of time from the start of the discharge of the preceding recording medium by said discharge roller to the start of feeding of the succeeding recording medium by said feed roller is shorter, as a leading end margin amount of the succeeding recording medium is longer.